



Community Services and Public Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

This meeting was held in person at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

Monday, December 05, 2022
2:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman McElynn called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Lawrence McElynn
Vice Chairman Logan Cunningham (arrived late)
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member York Glover (arrived late)
Council Member Alice Howard

ABSENT

Council Member Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member Brian Flewelling
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Chris Hervocho
Council Member Stu Rodman

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman McElynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

Committee Chairman McElynn noted that public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to amend the agenda to include the approval of the appointment of Marilyn Harris as a Beaufort County Council representative on the Beaufort Housing Authority.

The Vote - The motion to amend was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the agenda as amended.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

7. DISCUSSION OF A PENDING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE WORK ON PRIVATE ROADS

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Committee Chairman McElynn provided an overview of the County Council's past actions on this item, the ordinances currently in place to address maintenance of private roads, and the determination that this ordinance would be an illegal action if passed.

Neil Desai, Director of the Public Works Department, discussed the evaluation of the County's private dirt roads, the categorization of maintenance needs, and the potential costs for work effort in each category.

Council Member Howard asked about the current ordinances and if the Fire Department conducted its planned survey of private roads. Committee Chairman McElynn clarified that the ordinances in place set up a system where the property owners pay the County for any work done through either a one-time payment or the creation of a special tax district.

Committee Chairman McElynn and Mr. Desai discussed why the County might not be willing to purchase some private roads.

Council Member Dawson commented on Kato Lane and how citizens have reimbursed the County for work to maintain the road.

Council Member Glover commented on concerns about Heir's property and road access for those using a private road they do not own.

Committee Chairman McElynn and Council Member Glover discussed the need for a framework to address roads that may have special consideration, including the possible purchase of four-wheel drive ambulances that can go down impassable roads.

Council and County Attorney Tom Keaveny discussed when the ordinance would be brought back to Council and whether a recommendation of action was needed.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Glover, to send the item to Council with the new information.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN HARRIS TO THE BEAUFORT HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of the appointment of Marilyn Harris as the Beaufort County Council Representative on the Beaufort Housing Authority Board.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman McElynn thanked Assistant County Administrator Phil Foot for his service to Beaufort County.

Adjourned: 2:52 PM.

Ratified: February 13, 2023